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2006 Census of Population and Housing

2006 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING

The ABS will be conducting the next Census on 8 August, 2006. For the Census to be a success, we need the co-operation of all people in Australia on Census night.

Census information is used for a range of planning purposes by all levels of government, private institutions and the community. For example, it is used to determine where schools and hospitals will be built, the number of seats each state and territory has in the House of Representatives, and federal funding arrangements with the states and territories.

The Census will generate almost 9000 jobs for people in New South Wales. A nationwide advertising campaign for Area Supervisors will commence on February 11, 2006. Advertising for Collectors will commence on April 8, 2006. Applicants for both roles will be able to apply on-line or by telephoning a call centre. Applicants may also request a hardcopy

application form from the call centre.

If you or someone you know would be interested in undertaking one of these roles please refer to the ABS web site and local papers around these dates.

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100th Anniversary of the ABS

100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ABS

On 8 December, 2005 the Australian Bureau of Statistics celebrates 100 years of service to the people of Australia. On that date 100 years ago, Parliament gave its assent to the Census and Statistics Act 1905. To commemorate this centenary the ABS has published *Informing a Nation: the Evolution of the Australian Bureau of Statistics* (cat. no. 1382.0).

Informing a Nation is a popular history of the ABS and its predecessor, the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics. It covers the period from 1905 to the present. The publication is organised thematically and includes chapters on subject areas such as economic statistics, the Census, social statistics, prices, methodology, technology, international relations and the staff of the ABS. As well as the written history, the publication includes many images of the work of the ABS and its staff over the last century.

The publication may be downloaded from the ABS web site. There are also several short articles on the Census taken from the publication that may be downloaded and reproduced.

Land Management: Eurobodalla Shire NSW

LAND MANAGEMENT: EUROBODALLA SHIRE NSW

The new publication Land Management: Eurobodalla Shire, NSW (cat. no. 4651.0) presents results from a Land Management Survey conducted in the Eurobodalla Shire in late 2004. This survey was the first to make use of a new spatial, land-based area framework for natural resource management surveys. This methodology differs from traditional ABS survey methodologies in that it is the spatial land parcel rather than the business unit that forms the statistical unit. The land parcel methodology enables the mapping of small area statistics at a finer level than previously available.

The survey collected data on various aspects of land management including: land use; land and soil condition; water availability and quality; the extent of native vegetation, weeds and pests; and barriers to improved management practices. A further test of the new methodology is continuing in the Fitzroy catchment in Queensland. The results will be released early in 2006.

For more information contact John Purcell on (02) 6252 5651, email john.purcell@abs.gov.au.

Natural Resource Management (NRM) Survey

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (NRM) SURVEY

The 2005 Federal Budget provided for an on-going biennial Natural Resource Management (NRM) Survey, beginning with the 2004-05 reference year. The survey will collect data on land and soil; water related issues; weeds and pests; and native vegetation and other land cover. For each of these topics, data are collected on:

- activities to prevent or manage issues
- time spent engaged in identified management activities
- the impact of identified issues
- areas affected
- the financial cost associated with addressing issues.

It is anticipated that data will be available at the regional (National Heritage Trust) level.

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Regional Research in Australia - An Information Development Plan

REGIONAL RESEARCH IN AUSTRALIA - AN INFORMATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Information Paper: Regional Research in Australia - the Statistical Dimension: an Information Development Plan for Rural and Regional Statistics 2006 (cat. no.1362.0) is expected to be released early next year. The paper is the culmination of two years work undertaken by the ABS to develop an information framework for research, encompassing geographical, economic, social and environmental issues.

The paper details a series of statistical development recommendations for expanding the future availability and relevance of rural and regional statistics in Australia. It also provides a detailed overview of the concepts and issues associated with this field of statistics, with a particular focus on the nature and extent of current statistical demand. Existing survey and administrative data sources are examined and specific gaps in available rural and regional information are highlighted. Recommendations will be implemented collaboratively by the ABS and other key producers of rural and regional data over the next 3 to 5 years.

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The Australian Standard Classification of Religious Groups

THE AUSTRALIAN STANDARD CLASSIFICATION OF RELIGIOUS GROUPS

The Second Edition of the Australian Standard Classification of Religious Groups (ASCRG) (cat. no. 1266.0) will be available on the ABS web site on 14 December. It has been revised to reflect changes in the religious profile of Australia since the first publication in 1996. The ASCRG is used in coding Census data and is recommended for use by other government and non-government organisations.

The new edition contains seven new religious group categories, whilst one religious group category from the first edition has been removed. The Expanded Structure and coding indexes have been updated accordingly. The review processes and resultant changes are explained in detail.

For more information contact Peter Marion on (02) 6252 6222, email peter.marion@abs.gov.au.

ABS Indigenous Community Engagement Strategy

ABS INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

NSW has more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people than any other state or territory in Australia, most of whom live in urban areas. The ABS is committed to developing and delivering statistics in an accessible manner to Indigenous people, and to educate Indigenous communities, organisations and analysts in the effective use of ABS statistics. Nationally this is coordinated through the ABS Indigenous Community Engagement Strategy (ICES). The delivery of the strategy is managed locally by Indigenous Engagement Managers (IEMs) who are responsible for building and maintaining networks with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations, and returning information to them in meaningful ways. The IEMs will play a crucial role in the 2006 Census.

Glenda Roberts and Gloria Strachan are the NSW IEMs. Glenda is the State Indigenous Manager of the Census Management Unit. One of the key priorities for Glenda and her team is to facilitate the accurate enumeration of Indigenous people living in urban areas. Part of this strategy involves employing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as Census Field Officers and preparing cross cultural awareness training for other Census staff. Eight positions for Indigenous Census Field Officers were advertised this month. These short term positions (from late February to early October) will be located throughout NSW.

Gloria is helping Indigenous organisations and communities access and use the wide range of ABS Indigenous statistics. This includes distributing summaries of key data from Indigenous surveys, such as the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey (NATSISS) and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (NATSIHS). Summary booklets and posters for NATSISS 2002 are now available from Gloria. She also works closely with other organisations to improve the quality of Indigenous administration datasets and plans to offer statistical training in 2006.

For information about Indigenous enumeration or Indigenous employment opportunities for

Census 2006, contact Glenda Roberts on (02) 9268 4948, email glenda.roberts@abs.gov.au.

For more information about the NSW ICES contact Gloria Strachan on (02) 9268 4206, email gloria.strachan@abs.gov.au.

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Selected Recent Releases

SELECTED RELEASES OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2005

ABS publications are available to download free from this site.

To enquire about release dates, please contact the National Information & Referral Service on **1300 135 070**.

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| 1266.0 | Australian Standard Classification of Religious Groups, 2005-06 |
| 1295.0 | Information Paper: ANZSIC 2006 Implementation |
| 1351.0.55.007 | Research Paper: Beyond GDP: Measures of Economic, Social and Environmental Progress, Oct 2005 |
| 1351.0.55.009 | Research Paper: Comparisons of Methods for Measuring the Age of Withdrawal from the Labour Force, Nov 2005 |
| 1351.0.55.010 | Research Paper: Quality Adjusted Labour Inputs, Nov 2005 |
| 1382.0 | Informing a Nation: the Evolution of the Australian Bureau of Statistics 1905-2005 |
| 2008.0 | 2006 Census of Population and Housing: Nature and Content |
| 3201.0.55.002 | Information Paper: Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories, New Format Time Series Spreadsheets, June 2005 |
| 3222.0 | Population Projections, Australia, 2004-2101 |
| 3302.1.55.001 | Life Tables, New South Wales, 2002-04 |
| 3303.0.55.001 | Causes of Death, Australia: Preliminary Summary Tables, 2004 |
| 4442.0.55.001 | Family Characteristics Survey, Australia, Expanded Confidentialised Unit Record File, 2003 |
| 4602.0 | Environmental Issues: People's Views and Practices, March 2005 |
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| 4651.0 | Land Management: Eurobodalla Shire, NSW, 2003-04 |
| 5220.0 | Australian National Accounts: State Accounts, 2004-05 |
| 5308.0 | Foreign Currency Exposure, Australia, March 2005 |
| 6417.0 | Information Paper: Renovating the Established House Price Index, Nov 2005 |
| 6440.0 | A Guide to the Consumer Price Index: 15th Series, 2005 |
| 8162.0 | Information Paper: A Statistical View of Counts of Businesses in Australia, June 2005 |
| 8163.0 | Pattern of Innovation in Australian Businesses, 2003 |
| 8221.1.55.001 | Manufacturing Industry, New South Wales, 2001-02 |

Selected Expected Releases

SELECTED RELEASES JANUARY TO FEBRUARY 2006

1292.0	Australia and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 2006
1301.0	Year Book, Australia, 2006
1309.0	Australia at a Glance, 2006
1362.0	Information Paper: Regional Research in Australia -the Statistical Dimension: an Information Development Plan for Rural and Regional Statistics, 2006
2902.0	Census Update, 2006
2903.0	How Australia Takes a Census, 2006
3107.0.55.003	Information Paper: Improved Methods for Estimating Net Overseas Migration, 2006
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3311.1.55.001	Demography, New South Wales, 2004
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4911.0	Measures of Community Connection, Australia, 2005
6238.0	Retirement and Retirement Intentions, Australia, August 2004 to June 2005
6239.0	Barriers and Incentives to Labour Force Participation, Australia, August 2004 to June 2005
6287.0	Labour Force Characteristics of Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander Australians, Experimental Estimates from the Labour Force Survey, 2002-04
6503.0	Household Expenditure Survey and Survey of Income and Housing, User Guide, 2005
6524.0.55.001	Experimental Estimates of Personal Income for Small Areas, Taxation and Income Support Data - Data Cube 2001-02
6530.0	Household Expenditure Survey, Australia: Summary of Results, 2003-04 (Reissue)
6554	Household Wealth and Wealth Distribution, Australia, 2003-04

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